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The reply filed on 03-05-01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment filed on 03-05-01 cannot be entered because it does not use the proper format. Specifically, the marked up copy does not reflect all the changes made by the amendment and the marked up copy of the claims does not agree with the clean copy of the submitted claims. For example, in the last line of claim 1, the marked up copy of the claims does not reflect the deletion of "c)" at the beginning of the line. Further, the marked up copy of claim 1 indicates that "b)" was inserted at the beginning of line 5 of the claim, however "b)" was already present in claim 1 as originally filed and in line 11 of the marked up copy of claim 1 the word "a" is indicated as inserted before the word "part", however, in the clean version of claim 1 the word "a" is missing before the word "part" in the corresponding line of the claim. Applicant should resubmit this amendment and verify that the original claims, the marked up version and the clean version are in agreement. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen A. Lacourciere whose telephone number is (703) 308-7523. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday and alternate Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John LeGuyader, can be reached on (703) 308-0447. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4242.

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